CE-987 Dr. Massey House Near Warwick Private

This two story hall/parlor frame house is presently a tenant house for nearby Worsell Manor, however it was not built as such. Dr. Massey appears on the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas as owning this structure along with other properties in the second election district, which are more substantial structures and probably his residence. Whether the above house was built as a doctor's office between Warwick and Cecilton or as a rental property is not exactly known. The house remains basically intact with much of its mid 19th Century architectural fabric in place.

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Dr. Massey House c. 1860 is a two story side hall/ parlor frame house on Worsell Manor Road just west of Warwick, The house faces west with the main bagle running north/south.

The main three bay by one room front block has a ell wing that extends eastward. A 1 story kitchen extends even farther east from the main ell section. The house rests on a partial fieldstone basement and is covered with weatherboard siding. The medium sloped roof has a composition tile sheathing.

The west (main) facade has a southern bay entrance with adjacent 6/6 sash windows with slightly beaded surrounds. The front door has been replaced but retains its two light transom. Three 6/6 sash illuminate the second floor with flanking louvered shutters. A boxed cornice stretches across with a slight bed molding. A shed roof front porch covers the first floor bays and is supported by champhered posts with simple molded bases and capitals. Simple stick braces decorate each corner of the support posts. The ends of the roof have a saw-tooth decorative vertical board.

The north end has a single 6/6 sash on each floor with two panel shutters. The eaves are extended with short returns at the base. A stove stack rises out of the end.

The south end is basically plain with an exterior basement entrance.

The ell wing is a two bays across by one room deep with similar details as the main block. The stuccoed chimney stack rises out of the end of four pane attick lights that flank the stack. The end is closed with a plain bargeboard.

The kitchen section is a much different form than the main block and was probably built at a different time. Whether it predates or succeeded the main block was not evident. The roof has a shallow pitch with and we we ded with composition tile. The north and east sides are covered with asbestos shingles while the weatherboard siding is exposed under the shed roof porch that stretches across the south side of the rear section. A door opening is found on both north and south sides. A beaded board door remains on the south side with adjacent 6/6 sash.

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The interior of the main block has retained most of its interior woodwork. The main stair newel and railing has been removed. A four panel door leads to a closet beneath the first landing. The door and window surrounds are primarily plain with a small beaded corner. There is a slight rise to the lintel. The four panel doors have exterior box locks. The parlor mantel has simple pilasters with a plain frieze and heavy shelf with bed molding. The dining room has a winder stair and closet with beaded board doors in the southeast corner and an adjacent mantel shelf with scrolled brackets. A small closet with paneled doors is located in the chimney brest. The kitchen is similarily detailed with a winder stair in the northeast corner of the room.

There are no significant outbuildings existing on the property. In fact, *** a tenant house to the large nearby farm, Worsell Manor.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house has not been altered significantly since the late 19th century. Exterior and most interior details have remained.

The side hall/parlor plan is certainly not uncommon in the area but this specific structure has survived basically intact. The house appears on the 1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas under the ownership of Dr. C. H. B. Massey.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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